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A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$249,583.00 WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR WALKWAYS AT THE HIGHLAND OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER WYATT BUNKER.

WHEREAS, Shelby County has been awarded a one hundred percent (100%) federally funded grant to construct sidewalks along Holmes Road to enable safe walking and biking to school at Highland Oaks Elementary; and

WHEREAS, The Safe Routes to School Grant Program requires projects to provide both infrastructure and non-infrastructure components such as encouragement, education, enforcement and evaluation activities; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to amend the FY 2008-2009 Budget to receive federal funds in the amount of \$249,583.00 from the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That the grant agreement with the Tennessee Department of Transportation is hereby approved and funds in the amount of \$249,583.00 be and the same are hereby accepted.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, That the FY 2008-2009 Shelby County Operating Budget is hereby amended, and funds appropriated, per Exhibit A which is attached and incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the aforementioned grant agreement on behalf of Shelby County Government, an executed copy of which is to be placed on file in the Contract Administration Section of the Office of the County Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall take effect from and after the date it shall have been enacted according to due process of law, the public welfare requiring it.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County Mayor and the Director of Administration and Finance are authorized to issue their warrant or warrants in an amount not to exceed \$249,583.00, for the purposes contained in this resolution, and to take proper credit in their accounting therefore.

A C Wharton, Jr.
Shelby County Mayor

Date _____

ATTEST:

Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED _____

SUMMARY

I. Description of Item

This item approves a grant award in the amount of \$249,583.00 from the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) Safe Routes to School Program to construct approximately 3,400 linear feet of sidewalks to improve pedestrian paths from Highland Oaks Elementary School to the adjacent neighborhoods.

II. Source and Amount of Funding

Federal funds from the Tennessee Department of Transportation - \$249,583.00.
No local match required.

A. Amount Expended/Budget Line Item

1. See attached exhibit A.

B. All Costs (Direct/Indirect)

1. Design:	\$ 20,000.00
2. Right-of-way:	\$ 15,000.00
3. Construction:	\$188,375.00
4. TDOT Oversight:	\$ 4,394.00
5. Non-infrastructure:	<u>\$ 21,814.00</u>
Grant Total:	<u>\$249,583.00</u>

III. Contract Items

A. Type of Contract	Grant Agreement
B. Terms	Routine

IV. Additional Information Relevant to Approval of This Item

In 2007, the Road Department used local funds to construct about 3,600 linear feet of sidewalks to extend the existing walkways east and west of the school on at least one side of Holmes Road. The Safe Routes to School Grant funds will be utilized to fill in the gaps for continuous improved pathways along both sides of Holmes Road. A portion of the grant funds, approximately ten percent, will be used for non-infrastructure activities to educate students about the benefits of walking and biking to encourage more active and healthier lifestyles as outlined in the grant requirements.

This grant project for sidewalk improvements is proceeding concurrently with the Holmes Road capital improvement plan to widen the road to four lanes and install a median. Should the CIP funds not be forthcoming the sidewalks will still be installed. A notice to proceed with the environmental phase of this project is anticipated within sixty days of execution of the grant agreement. Also, TDOT has confirmed that if we follow up with the full Holmes Road improvement project, any removal of the grant funded sidewalks necessary to improve the vertical alignment of Holmes Road is acceptable as long as they are replaced. They simply want sidewalks to be in place.